

Highlights from the CRD Board meeting on March 13, 2024.



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### **Literature Review of E-bike and Micro-mobility Safety**

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board received results from the CRD Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) literature review on electronic bikes (e-bikes) and micro-mobility safety. The popularity of micro-mobility devices continues to grow across the region. The review findings show that micro-mobility is beneficial when safely and consistently regulated. Safe and consistent regulation would be best achieved on a province-wide basis, through an amendment to the *Motor Vehicle Act*. The CRD has neither the authority nor resources to take a leading role in how new transportation technologies are used in the region. A new CRD transportation service would be needed for the region to play a role in micro-mobility. This service authority is being considered through the transportation governance initiative that is currently underway. CRD Board will advocate to the provincial government to consider amending the *Motor Vehicle Act* to allow electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters, and micro mobility devices, to operate in a safe manner in designated bike lanes and/or routes.

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### **Bylaw No. 4603: 2024 to 2028 Financial Plan Bylaw, 2024**

The CRD Board adopted the five-year Financial Plan Bylaw. In October 2023, the provisional budget was approved and presented to the public for feedback. Since that time, the budget has been refined to include:

- A one-time funding increase for the Alliance to End Homelessness for the continued support of operations through 2024
- A three-year renewal fund for the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness
- Adjustments for the acquisition of the Royal Oak Golf course property
- Funding for Climate Action community and engagement programming
- Amendments from the Electoral Areas Committee (these amendments only apply to the Electoral Areas), including:

- To reduce the requisition for 2024 in the Nuisances & Unsightly Premises Service by \$5,000, funding instead from operating reserve
- To reduce the requisition for 2024 Elections Service by \$25,000
- Rural fire protection resourcing costs for Pender Island, Otter Point and Galiano Island

The CRD Board approved the Financial Plan Bylaw as presented.

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### **Capital Regional Hospital District Bylaw No. 424 Annual Budget 2024**

The Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) Board adopted the bylaw for the annual budget for 2024. The 2024 budget received provisional approval by the Board on October 25, 2023. The annual budget for 2024 has been prepared in alignment with Board decisions and committee direction. The CRHD Board approved the Annual Budget Bylaw, 2024, as presented.

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### **Biosolids Monthly Update – March**

The CRD Board received an update on the status of the short-term options for biosolids management, as well as progress on the development of the Long-Term Biosolids Management Plan and the advanced thermal pilot project. Given delays to provincial reporting on Organic Matter Recycling Regulation, and the Board's previous direction to initiate an academic analysis, the Board directed staff to move forward with a third-party academic review of the scientific literature on the uses and impacts of biosolids. The Board also directed staff and the Chair to request a meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to discuss an extension on finalizing the CRD's Long-Term Biosolids Management Plan.

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### **Bylaw No. 4605: Board Code of Conduct Bylaw No.1, 2024**

The Capital Regional District Code of Conduct Bylaw was developed in accordance with the Board's direction. The Member Statement of Commitment was drafted to reflect the spirit and intent of the Board Code of Conduct and directors may choose to sign it as a symbolic demonstration of the commitment to uphold the Code provisions. The CRD Board adopted the Code of Conduct Bylaw and approved the Member Statement of Commitment.

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**The next Board meeting will be held on April 10, 2024**

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